

STATE OF MONTANA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION
BOARD OF OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION
BILLINGS, MONTANA
February 12 & 13, 2020

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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The Board of Oil and Gas Conservation of the State of Montana will hold its business meeting on Wednesday, February 12, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. in the hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana. The agenda for that meeting is as follows:

1. Call to order
2. Approval of minutes of December 4, 2019, business meeting
3. Public comment on agenda and non-agenda items
4. Well Done Montana LLC presentation
5. Financial report
6. Plugging and reclamation program update
7. Bond summary & incident report
8. Docket summary
9. Gas flaring exceptions
10. Inactive well review
11. Staff reports
12. Other business

The Board will conduct public hearings pursuant to Chapter 11 of Title 82 of the Montana Code Annotated on the matters described below at **9:00 a.m.** on Thursday, February 13, 2020, in the hearing room at its office at 2535 St. Johns Avenue in Billings, Montana. Interested persons have the opportunity to be heard for each docket. For more information or to request accommodation for a disability, please contact Erin Ricci at (406) 444-6731 or Jennifer Breton at (406) 656-0040, as soon as possible before the scheduled hearing.

Docket 1-2020

APPLICANT: LONEWOLF OPERATING, LLC – BLAINE COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **Lonewolf Operating, LLC** to create a temporary spacing unit comprised of the E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32, 35N-21E, Blaine County, Montana, to drill a Sawtooth Formation test well at any location not closer than 330' from the exterior boundaries thereof, as an exception to A.R.M. 36.22.702.

Docket 2-2020

APPLICANT: LONEWOLF OPERATING, LLC – BLAINE COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **Lonewolf Operating, LLC** to create a temporary spacing unit comprised of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 31, 35N-21E, and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 6, 34N-21E, Blaine County, Montana, to drill a Sawtooth Formation test well at any location not closer than 330' from the exterior boundaries thereof, as an exception to A.R.M. 36.22.702.

Docket 3-2020

APPLICANT: WHITE ROCK OIL AND GAS, LLC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the application of **White Rock Oil and Gas, LLC**, to convert the Vaira 2-35X well (API #25-083-22499) located in the NW¼NE¼ of Section 35, T25N-R54E, Richland County, Montana (Spring Lake Field) to a produced-gas injection well in the Red River Formation at a depth of approximately 11,600-11,700 ft.

Docket 4-2020

APPLICANT: WESTERN MEADOWLARK RESOURCES – SHERIDAN COUNTY, MONTANA

Request for a change of operator, and as required by Board policy, the Board will hold a hearing to consider approval of the transfer of plugging and reclamation responsibilities for certain wells identified in the application from **Rim Operating, Inc. to Western Meadowlark Resources LLC**, and to determine if the proposed plugging and reclamation bond coverage is adequate under § 82-11-123(5), MCA.

Docket 124-2019

Continued and amended from December 2019

APPLICANT: SCOUT ENERGY MANAGEMENT LLC – PHILLIPS AND VALLEY COUNTIES, MONTANA

Request for a change of operator, and as required by Board policy, the Board will hold a hearing to consider approval of the transfers of plugging and reclamation responsibilities for certain wells identified in the applications from **Omimex Canada, LTD and Topaz Oil & Gas, Inc. to Scout Energy Management LLC**, and to determine if the proposed plugging and reclamation bond coverage is adequate under § 82-11-123(5), MCA.

Docket 5-2020

SHOW-CAUSE HEARING

RESPONDENT: ZEIDERS BROS. OIL & GAS COMPANY, LLC – MCCONE COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the Board's own motion to require **Zeiders Bros. Oil & Gas Company, LLC** to appear and show-cause, if any it has, for why it should not have an approved plan to plug and abandon or begin the process to plug and abandon its Rudolph Haynie 1-5 well, API # 25-055-21207, located in the SE¼NE¼ of Section 5, T22N-R47E, McCone County, Montana by the January 9, 2020, hearing application deadline.

Docket 6-2020

SHOW-CAUSE HEARING

RESPONDENT: PARMT LLC – SHERIDAN COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the Board's own motion to require **PARMT LLC** to appear and show-cause, if any it has, for why it should not have an approved plan to plug and abandon or begin the process to plug and abandon its Guenther 2-8 well, API # 25-091-21565, located in the SW¼NE¼ of Section 8, T33N-R58E, Sheridan County, Montana by January 9, 2020, hearing application deadline.

Docket 7-2020
SHOW-CAUSE HEARING

RESPONDENT: GRASSY BUTTE, LLC – ROSEBUD COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the Board's own motion to require **Grassy Butte, LLC** to appear and show cause, if any it has, why it should not have an approved plan to plug and abandon or begin the process to plug and abandon its Kesterson #5 well, API # 25-087-21488, located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34, T10N-R33E, Rosebud County, Montana by January 9, 2020, hearing application deadline.

Docket 8-2020
SHOW-CAUSE HEARING

RESPONDENT: TOI OPERATING – RICHLAND AND WIBAUX COUNTIES, MONTANA

Upon the Board's own motion to require **TOI Operating** to appear and show cause, if any it has, why it should not begin the process to plug and abandon the following wells by the February 13, 2020, public hearing. Failure to begin to plug and abandon its wells may result in additional penalties or the forfeiture of the plugging and reclamation bond in its entirety, as permitted by § 82-11-123(5), MCA.

- Moerman 14-30 well, API # 25-109-21053, located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 30, T18N-R59E, Wibaux County, Montana
- Status of the MT Ag. Sta. 28-41 well, API # 25-083-21384, located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28, T23N-R59E, Richland County, Montana
- Theil 14-23 well, API # 25-083-21193, located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14, T22N-R59E, Richland County, Montana

Docket 113-2019
SHOW-CAUSE HEARING
Continued from October 2019

RESPONDENT: BENSUN ENERGY, LLC – RICHLAND AND SHERIDAN COUNTIES, MONTANA

Upon the Board's own motion to require **Bensun Energy, LLC** to appear and show cause, if any it has, why it should not begin to plug and abandon or transfer its wells. The failure to do so, as required by Board Order 77-2019, may result in forfeiture of the plugging and reclamation bond in its entirety, as permitted by § 82-11-123(5), MCA.

Docket 131-2019
SHOW-CAUSE HEARING
Continued from December 2019

RESPONDENT: BLACK GOLD ENERGY RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, LLC – RICHLAND COUNTY, MONTANA

Upon the Board's own motion to require **Black Gold Energy Resource Development, LLC** to appear and show cause, if any it has, why field violations remain at its Indian Mound 1 SWD, API # 25-083-21377, well located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15, T23N-R55E, Richland County, Montana.

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